

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554
November 2, 2009

IN REPLY REFER TO:
1800B3-DW

Karen Ross
Educational Media Foundation
1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20006-3402

In re: W288BP, Wilson, NC
Facility ID No. 156025
Silent Since July 22, 2009
Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Ms. Ross:

This letter concerns your request, filed on August 20, 2009, on behalf of Educational Media Foundation, ("EMF") for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station W288BP to remain silent.

EMF's request states that W288BP went silent on July 22, 2009, due to damage caused by lightening. EMF's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

EMF's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit FM Translator Station W288BP to remain silent for a period not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast license for W288BP will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. July 21, 2010.**² See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

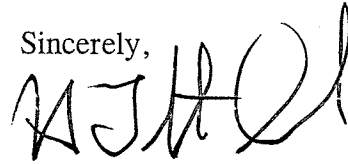
¹ In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter .

²Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be mailed to:

Federal Communications Commission
Attn: 1800B3-DW, Room 2-B450
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

The station's silent status does not suspend the licensee's obligation to comply with all other relevant Commission rules, including the filing, when appropriate, of applications for renewal of broadcast license. Finally, we note that it is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's tower shall be maintained until removed. See 47 C.F.R. Sections 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Taft Snowdon', written in a cursive style.

H. Taft Snowdon
Supervisory Attorney
Audio Division
Media Bureau